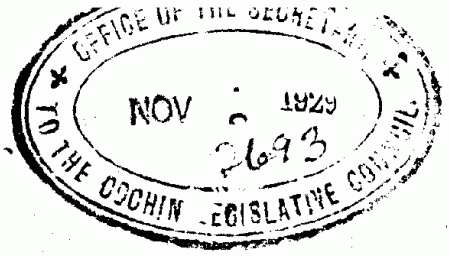

COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

11th of April 1929.

Thursday, *the*——————————

29th of Meenam 1104.

The House met at Half past Eleven of the Clock with the President in the Chair. Mr. A. Eachara Menon and Dr. A. G. Menon were absent.

Questions and Answers.

Future working of the Tramway.

550. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) what action they have taken regarding the recommendation of the Special Finance Committee regarding the future working of the Tram;

(b) are there any proposals before the Government for the leasing of the Tram ; if so, to whom and what are the conditions of the lease ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) Government have decided to continue to work the Tramway as a Government concern, as before.

(b) None at present.

Plague in Mattancheri and Ernakulam.

551. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) the total amounts of money spent for the prevention of plague in Ernakulam and in Mattancheri ;

(b) the manner in which or the items for which the money was spent;

(c) the amounts spent particularly for the erection of isolation sheds in Mattancheri and Ernakulam ;

(d) the number of persons that occupied the same either voluntarily or under compulsion ;

(e) the precautionary measures that were adopted ;

(f) the number of persons inoculated;

(g) the number of persons that died from plague or other disease after inoculation from any disease whatsoever;

(h) the amount of money spent upon the Special Preventive Staffs in Ernakulam and Mattancheri ;

(i) the number of deaths from plague in Mattancheri and in Ernakulam ;

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(j) the number of rats caught and destroyed;

(k) the number of traps that were brought, stocked and distributed to the houses or warehouses for catching rats;

(l) the number of rat traps now available and what use they are to be put to after the two towns are declared to be free of plague?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Rs. 7,606—3—0.

(b) Items on which money was spent.—

(1) Pay and allowance of temporary staff.
(2) Inoculation outfit, serum, etc.
(3) Rat traps purchased.
(4) Cost of rat poison, baits, etc.
(5) Isolation sheds in Pallivirutti.
(6) Telephone rent.
(7) Cost of sprayers, disinfectants, uniforms to the plague staff, and other miscellaneous charges.

(c) Isolation sheds were constructed only in Mattancheri (Pallivirutti Maidan) at a cost of Rs. 242—3—8.

(d) None occupied the sheds.

(e) (1) Rat destruction.
(2) Inoculation.
(3) Evacuation.
(4) Disinfection.
(5) Observation and surveillance of contacts.
(6) Arrangements were also made at the Trichur and Poonkunnam Railway Stations to examine arrivals from the infected locality.

(f) 21,479.

(g) 17 persons died of plague, of whom one had been inoculated. No information is available as to deaths from other causes of the persons inoculated.

(h Rs. 4,384—8—5.

(i) Mattancheri 14.
Ernakulam 3.

(j) 5,204 rats were caught and destroyed.

(k) 465 traps.

(l) 455 traps. These will be sold in auction.

Assignment of forest and puthuval lands.

552. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) the total area of forest land and puthuval land assigned to the public annually in the last two years;

(2) of which how many acres from each have been assigned to non-Cochinites;

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